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<p><u>CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10:</u> "Express Mail" mailing label number: EV188519691US Date of Deposit: September 23, 2003</p> <p>I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on September 23, 2003.</p> <p align="right">By: <u>Leonard J. Hope</u> Name: Leonard J. Hope</p>

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DIVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of Serial No. 09/859,915, filed on May 17, 2001 entitled Hardware ID to Prevent Software Piracy by the following inventor(s):

Full Name Of Inventor	Family Name Hughes	First Given Name Aidan	Second Given Name T.
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Full Name Of Inventor	Family Name Pearce	First Given Name David	Second Given Name Bamaby
Residence & Citizenship	City West Palm Beach	State or Foreign Country Florida	Country of Citizenship USA
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- ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application; including the specification, claims, drawings, a signed oath or declaration, and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.) The continuing application is as follows: 36 pages of specification, 21 claims, 1 page of abstract, 6 sheets of drawings, and 5 pages of oath or declaration.

☒ The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

2. ☐ Cancel original claims of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
3. ☒ The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS: 21 -20	1	x	\$18.00	18.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 3 -3	0	x	\$84.00	0.00
			BASIC FILING FEE:	\$750.00
			TOTAL FILING FEE:	768.00

☐ Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.

4. ☒ Payment of fees:
☐ Attached is a check in the amount of
☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.
5. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

"This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/859,915, filed May 17, 2001, which application(s) are incorporated herein by reference."
6. ☐ A set of formal drawings (sheets) is enclosed.
7. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. , filed on in , is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
☐ The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed .
8. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Microsoft Corporation located at One Microsoft Way, Redmond, Washington 98052.
9. ☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

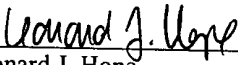
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10. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
☐ Fee for excess claims is attached.
11. ☐ A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until . A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.

12. ☐ The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:
13. ☐ A Nonpublication Request under 37 CFR 1.213(a) is enclosed.
14. ☐ Also Enclosed:
15. ☒ Address all future communications to the **Attention of Christopher J. Leonard** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.
16. ☒ A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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